

as the United States Representative for the 32nd Congressional District of California effective Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

In December, I was nominated by President-elect Obama to serve as Secretary for the U.S. Department of Labor. I am truly honored that President-elect Obama has given me the opportunity to help America's working families and turn our economy around. It has been a privilege to serve the residents of California in the House of Representatives for the past eight years. I have served during one of the most challenging economic times in California's history, and have worked to help build a better future for our state and country.

I also want to thank you, Madam Speaker, all of my colleagues in the House, and in particular California's Congressional delegation. I have enjoyed working with them during my time in Congress. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you and my colleagues, in order to build a better country.

Sincerely,

HILDA L. SOLIS,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 24, 2009.

Governor ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
California State Capitol Building,
Sacramento, CA.

DEAR GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER: In December, I was nominated by President-elect Obama to serve as Secretary for the U.S. Department of Labor. I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 32nd Congressional District of California effective Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

It has been a privilege to serve the residents of California in the House of Representatives for the past eight years. I have served during one of the most challenging economic times in California's history, and have worked to help build a better future for our state. I am truly honored that President-elect Obama has given me the opportunity to help lead our nation forward during these difficult times.

I also want to thank you and your administration, as well as my colleagues in California's Congressional delegation. I have enjoyed working with you and them during my time in Congress. I look forward to continuing this important work in order to build a better California.

Sincerely,

HILDA L. SOLIS,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS), the whole number of the House is 432.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

641. A letter from the Director, Legislative Affairs Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — State Technical Committees (RIN: 0578-AA51) received February 9, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

642. A letter from the Director, Legislative Affairs Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regional Equity (RIN: 0578-AA44) received February 9, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

643. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Indebtedness of Military Personnel [DOD-2007-OS-0025] (RIN: 0790-A108) received February 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

644. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Service (CHAMPUS); Voluntary Disenrollment from the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) [DoD-2008-HA-0035] (RIN: 0720-AA69) received February 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

645. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the 41st report prepared pursuant to Section 3204(f) of the Emergency Supplemental Act, 2000 (Div. B, P.L. 106-246), as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

646. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Public Housing Operating Fund Program; Increased Terms of Energy Performance Contracts [Docket Number: FR-5057-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC66) received February 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

647. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Credit Union Service Organizations (RIN: 3133-AD20) received February 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

648. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Aggregation [EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0064, FRL-8773-2] (RIN: 2060-AL75) received February 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

649. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nontainment New Source Review (NSR): Aggregation [EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0064; FRL-8773-3] (RIN: 2060-AL75) received February 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

650. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Test

Methods [EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0558; FRL-8771-6] (RIN: 2060-AP17) received February 10, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

651. A letter from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands Additional Spectrum for Unlicensed Devices Below 900 MHz and in the 3 GHz Band [ET Docket Nos.: 04-186 and 02-380] received February 12, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

652. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to the Cayman Islands and the United Arab Emirates (Transmittal No. DDTC 143-08), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

653. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of an authorization of Danger Pay to U.S. Government civilian employees for service in areas where civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism or wartime conditions threaten physical harm or imminent danger to the health or well-being of employees; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

654. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report on competitive sourcing efforts for Fiscal Year 2008, pursuant to Public Law 108-199, section 647(b) of Division F; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

655. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Department of Labor, transmitting the Commission's Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General and the Director's Semiannual Report on Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

656. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

657. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

658. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of the Department's intent to accept a gift of land adjacent to wilderness areas for preservation as wilderness, pursuant to Section 6 of the Wilderness Act of 1964; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

659. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's first Report to Congress for the North Slope Science Initiative, pursuant to Public Law 109-58, section 348(e); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

660. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's 2007 Annual Report in accordance with the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 200. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to modification of certain mortgages on principal residences, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 111-19). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MCGOVERN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 184. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1105) making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-20). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. ESHOO:

H.R. 1142. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide hair prostheses under the Medicaid Program for individuals diagnosed with alopecia areata; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 1143. A bill to achieve greater national energy independence by limiting presidential withdrawals of offshore lands from disposition for exploration, development, or production of oil and gas, to authorize States to petition for authorization to conduct offshore oil and natural gas exploration and extraction in any area that is within 50 miles of the coastline of the State and within the seaward lateral boundaries of the State extended, to share offshore oil and gas revenues with States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. REYES, Mrs. DAHLKEMPER, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. WILSON of Ohio, and Mr. GRAYSON):

H.R. 1144. A bill to increase awareness of the existence of and to overcome gender bias in academic science and engineering through research and training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Mr. GORDON of Tennessee:

H.R. 1145. A bill to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Mr. PAUL:

H.R. 1146. A bill to end membership of the United States in the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DOYLE (for himself, Mr. TERRY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

H.R. 1147. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communica-

tions Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 1148. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida (for herself, Mr. BILBRAY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

H.R. 1149. A bill to reauthorize the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARNEY (for himself, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. HOLDEN):

H.R. 1150. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to award grants on a competitive basis to regional biocontainment laboratories for maintaining surge capacity that can be used to respond to acts of bioterrorism or outbreaks of infectious diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, and Mr. FATTAH):

H.R. 1151. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish Encore Service Programs, Encore Fellowship Programs, and Silver Scholarship Programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, and Mr. FATTAH):

H.R. 1152. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Semester of Service grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, and Mr. FATTAH):

H.R. 1153. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Summer of Service State grant program, a Summer of Service national direct grant program, and related national activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. FATTAH):

H.R. 1154. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to improve the educational awards provided for national service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ESHOO:

H.R. 1155. A bill to mandate satellite carriage of qualified noncommercial educational television stations; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HELLER:

H.R. 1156. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require local educational agencies to provide to parents, on request, information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's pupil services instructors; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN:

H.R. 1157. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish certain protections for preference eligibles selected for involuntary geographic reassignment; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. HIGGINS (for himself, Mr. NUNES, Mr. KAGEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. KIND, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. TERRY, Mr. BOCCIERI, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. DAVIS of Alabama):

H.R. 1158. A bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEEK of Florida:

H.R. 1159. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for investments lost in a fraudulent Ponzi-type scheme; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEEKS of New York:

H.R. 1160. A bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise rules to provide for the comparable treatment and expanded use of qualified money market funds for broker-dealer financing; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. WATT, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. HONDA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. WALZ, Mr. CLAY, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SHULER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Ms. HIRONO):

H.R. 1161. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for innovative teacher retention programs; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PUTNAM (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 1162. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain E-2 nonimmigrant investors to adjust status to lawful permanent resident status; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TERRY (for himself, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 1163. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

H.R. 1164. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to exempt certain repayments under the Civil Service Retirement System from the requirement that they be made